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THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLLY

HOLLY, one of our favorite Christmas symbols, has a history as colorful as its red berries and green leaves.

In ancient times, the Druids believed holly was proof that the sun never really deserted the earth because the holly stayed green and bore fruit even when their sacred oak trees were bare. Holly planted near a door warded off witches and, placed on a bedpost, it brought pleasant dreams. It was used as a syrup to cure coughs and worn in the hair to give the wearer second sight. With Christianity came new beliefs. Many thought holly was the burning bush from which God spoke to Moses. Another common belief was that Holly sprang up in Christ's footsteps and all animals revered it so that even a wild beast could be subdued by a branch. Legend also says that holly was used in the crown of thorns and the berries were white until Christ's blood turned them red. While few of these legends persist today, holly has become one of our most traditional decorations -- for its beauty alone adds a special touch of warmth and color to the Christmas Holiday.



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THE PROMISED LAND

"And I am come down to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey."

About 4000 years ago, the Hebrews dreamed of being delivered from the power of Pharaoh to a "Promised Land". They made that dream a reality. Today, American homosexuals have the same dream, to escape from oppression and find refuge in a "Promised Land".

We are going into the good land of Alpine County, there to erect a liberated society in which we can demonstrate, to ourselves and the world, the beauty of our own life style. This liberated society will, of necessity, be an exercise in religious freedom. Atheist and believer, alike, will operate in the absence of legislated religion. In our Alpine County government, the machinery of Caesar will cease to meddle in the work of God. Religious Freedom will be revitalized, and that "sweet land of liberty" will be fact.

A Religious Freedom Symposium will be held in the Embassy Auditorium, Saturday, January 23, 1971, at 8:00 PM. Included will be a resume of Project Alpine, plus consideration of the following questions:

How does religious freedom affect homosexuals? Heterosexuals? Where are the horizons of religious freedom? How do they affect minority life-styles? Does legislated Judeo-Christian morality constitute "establishment of religion"? Could homosexuals, living free from the libel of perversion and disease create a healthy society? How would the world stand to benefit from

this project?

Alively, sweeping, and informative discussion is promised.

All donations collected by the United States Mission are to be used solely in the quest for Religious Freedom, to preach the equality of the homosexual ethic, inspired by God through Us, to show the need for a homosexual sanctuary, to measure and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood between gay and straight, and to assert homosexual religious freedom. Any inclination to imply the contrary can only be seen as an attempt to regulate religious activity, an attempt which we will resist, as will all who believe in religious freedom. The persons collecting donations for Project Alpine are unpaid volunteers, though some may receive expense money from the organization in other capacities.

I dream'd in a dream I saw a city---the new City of Friends Walt Whitman The "Alpine Wagon" folks are at McCadden Pl. & Hollywood Blvd. - go down and visit our brothers in their fight for "our cause". Girls, why don't some of you join in this?

CHRISTMAS EVE

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Dear Members and Friends:

As we celebrate this Christmas Season, let us who have been blessed of the Lord, remember that today we give praise to God for sending his only begotten son to this Earth to bring deliverance to his creation.

We may think about Santa Claus, reindeers, and even Christmas trees, but we must pause to remember the birth of Christ.

Truly, we who have been delivered know why Wise Men came and why angels sang on that first Christmas Day! We who have accepted God's son, the Lord Jesus Christ the Savior, are not only reminded of this birth, but also of his glorious future second coming when we will praise him for ever more.

From Steve and Mom Perry,
we just want to say Merry Christmas.
In Christ ---
Reverend Troy D. Perry

Troy D. Perry

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on people and things

Dick Leitsch and Jack Nichols are branching out into commercial broadcasting with a program featuring gay entertainment, and commercials. A local TV station is interested in having them do a gay TV program.

Minneapolis's crusading homosexual organization, FREE, hosted a Midwestern Gay Liberation Convention in early Oct. The well-planned and very impressive conference fell apart as the delegates (including some from N.Y.'s CLF and GAA) spent the week-end trying to "outradical" one another. The speakers, who included a Minnesota Commissioner of Human Rights who has championed gay rights; the lawyer who successfully guided the Illinois homosexual law reform bill through the legislature; the Rev. James Siefkus, who persuaded the Lutheran Church of America to speak out for gay rights, and others, were declared 'irrelevant.'

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David Gaard, author of the highly successful *And Puppy Dog Tails* will showcase a new play off-Broadway this season and also direct *Where The Yellow Went*, a comedy about the gay movement.

Hawaii has entered the race to become the third state to reform anti-homosexual laws. A state Penal Revision Project, headed by Judge Masato Doi, has recommended adopting the American Law Institute formula—that homosexuality practiced in private by adults no longer be against the law.

COOL AIDES

On January 23, 1971, The MCC Youth Group will sponsor their 1st annual "A Glance Into the Seasons," fashion show. This show will be entirely produced by the members of this youth group.

Their purpose for sponsoring this show is to raise funds for the MCC Building and Repair fund, and to awaken the community to an awareness of their youth.

Watch MCC News for additional information.

The Gay Activist Alliance voted to permit the Rev. Troy Perry to address one of their meetings as long as he did not mention religion. Perry didn't speak at GAA. SIR's president Tom Maurer ended the war between the gay community and Macy's over entrapment in the men's rooms. Then the radical' homosexuals made further 'non-negotiable' demands on Jacy's, backed by SIR's Board. Maurer resigned in protest, calling the action 'irresponsible'.

CHURCHMEN RELATE TO HOMOSEXUALS

More and more religious denominations seem to be trying to bring the world (or at least their congregations) up to date on the homosexual situation. The Ecumenical Conference recently held in Boston on The Church and the Homosexual (at which Troy Perry spoke) was set up with the help and cooperation of a number of prominent churchmen, who also commended the meeting to their parishioners.

Among them were the Rev. James Haddad of the Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, the Rt. Rev John Burgess, Episcopal Bishop of Mass. the Rev. Eugene Brodeen, Lutheran Church of America, the Rev. Arthur E. Walmsley, General Secretary of the Mass. Council of Churches, the Rev. Richard Harding of the United Methodist Church and Dr. Norman Benson of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

In view of the religious background of prejudice, the increasing interest of churches in the homophile movement is encouraging.

from N.Y. MATTACHINE
TIMES

Plans are already being made for the 1971 parade and Gay-In.

Boys In The Band has so far paid back its investors 1,750% on their original investment.



FROM THE EDITOR



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What has become of Christmas? Those members of our community who are not very orthodox, the spirit of Christmas is expressed in "mod-ways".

It is a time of party-giving and party going with the only Christmas spirit in evidence that of 86 proof. bottled in bond, spirits. Gifts are given and received - but in an obligatory and highly commercial fashion, not with the love and goodwill, and peace toward our brothers that should be evident.

Christmas should be a time when religion and ordinary living mix and become one. Regardless of our religious backgrounds the story of Jesus Christ is a blending of human and divine natures. Men who wrote the Gospels were not journalists, they were inspired of God to tell the story of the Master.

Our Christmas season can be a "party time" period each year or it can be part of our Christian walk that sets us apart from others in society.

The Christmas story awakens many to the fact that to be born at all is to inherit a kingdom we have only if we go in and possess it. It is a simple story, of humble people, who first of all loved God.

Christmas is only for children? Not really, except in the beginning - as we grow and our faith is strengthened, it grows with us, but not otherwise. If we remain immature the story only appeals to the child in us.

Whatever age we attain, not in years, but in spirit, in understanding, in knowing, in loving, in perceiving - the story grows and is for everyone at whatever age he has attained.

Lets forget, for the Season, how our fellowman is treating us and look at how we are treating our fellowman. What are we giving our brothers and the world.

There should be some parties, a few special gifts, but not in a fraudulent and obligatory manner. Above all, Christmas is a time for MCC, for humility, for soul-searching, for true comprehension of the meaning of the season and for renewal of our faith.



ALONG THE WAY



AMONG the most popular Christmas decorations—along with holly and mistletoe—are the pine cones, which are used in their natural state, or are painted in bright colors, or in silver or gold. There is an interesting German legend which explains the origin of the pine cone, widely used at Christmas. It tells of a poor woman climbing a mountain to pick up pine cones for fuel. She was approached by an elf who told her to "take only the cones under this tree." The good woman picked up the cones indicated and when she arrived home she found that they had all turned to pure silver. Thus, the silver pine cone which we know today.

CHRISTMAS is not just a day, an event to be observed and speedily forgotten. It is a spirit which should permeate every part of our lives.

—William Park.

GREETINGS FROM THE CHAPEL OF THE NOMADS, PHOENIX, ARIZONA

It has been some time since we have written anything regarding the Nomads, here in Phoenix and we do apologize.

The Lord has been REAL GOOD to us here on the desert with many new and important things happening.

As you probably know by now, we have moved into our new home at 401 East Roosevelt, Phoenix. We leased a building which needed a lot of fixing up, to make it suitable for our needs. We have a Sanctuary that will seat approximately 150 people. The building is located in downtown Phoenix and easy to get to from any part of the City.

Directly adjacent to the Sanctuary is our fellowship hall, for all of our social functions and when completed it will have a kitchenette, lounge area, a place for dances and meetings.

The Chapel of the Nomads is nearing the first 6 months of existence, and we feel the Lord has blessed each and every effort that has been made both for the Community and bringing the Community in fellowship with God.

Every Tuesday night we have counselling for members of the Community, regardless whether or not they are affiliated with the church.

Each Wednesday Night, the Abundant Life Class (Bible Study) meets and the blessings of the Lord are very present.

Friday Night is devoted to Fellowship Night, where we have supper, play games, dance,

listen to records or just sit around and rap for a while.

Our Youth group, about 14 teenagers, who are actively on the move for both the Community and Christ, letting other homosexual teenagers know that there is someone who cares for them, and that they too, have a place in society.

Our Motorcycle Club had their first run, December 5th, and they are planning several rallies during the next few months, care to join them?

Our regular Sunday worship service is at 1:00 PM at the Chapel, and a coffee fellowship immediately prior to service.

A very SPECIAL EVENT will take place here in Phoenix at 8:00 PM, Thursday, December 24, 1970. This is the evening which we have set aside for the DEDICATION of the CHAPEL to the Glory of our Saviour Jesus Christ. The Chapel Choir will deliver their FIRST Message in Song during this service.

Another very special date was December 12, 1970.....

The first inquirers meeting was held in Tucson Arizona at the Ramada Inn, with regular services projected to start during the first half of January 1971.

Our earnest prayers for the furtherance of the work of the Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches are always with you as we covet your prayers also.

TO: The Pastors and
Congregations
Universal Fellowship of
Metropolitan Community
Churches and Missions

As most of you know, Phoenix

is a winter resort area with the winter sun being very warm and the winter nights not always too cold.

As a result, many travelers are either coming to our area, or just passing through. Sometimes their financial status is not the best and would appreciate a place to bed down, a meal, or just a friendly visit with fellow Christian travelers. We have, therefore, established a community house to assist our brothers and sisters in their journeys. If we do not have enough room at the Parsonage, the members and friends of the Chapel have opened their homes for short visits. In this way, we get the opportunity to talk over our different experiences and sometimes establish good friendships.

This invitation is cordially extended to all our brothers and sisters, members and friends of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

If you are travelling this way, please obtain a letter of introduction from your local Pastor or Missionary. In this way, we will know that you are a member of the Church or a friend, as we have already had a few bad experiences with people saying they were members or friends and over-extended themselves to some of our members' possessions.

Services at Chapel of the Nomads, 401 E. Roosevelt, Phoenix, are as follows:

Sunday Worship Service
1:00 P. M.

Wednesday Bible Study
8:00 P.M.

Friday Night, Fellowship
8:00 P.M.

Members and Friends
MCC Phoenix, Arizona

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As we approach the third Christmas Season in the short life span of Metropolitan Community Church, and the first Advent celebration in the life of the Universal Fellowship, we might well pause for a forward and a backward look.

One of the more interesting aspects of the birth of Jesus is the fact that God felt impelled to uniquely announce the event to people at all levels of the social strata. He sent a star to guide the kings to Bethlehem; but he sent a whole angel chorus to announce the event to the shepherds--who were the peons of their time. It seems, he wanted them all to know about His concern for them.

When we consider that 1970 marks the conclusion of two years of service in the Lord's name for MCC-LA, and is the founding year of the Universal Fellowship, we're certainly impressed with and excited about the possibilities--especially, since we are endeavoring to follow the Lord's plan intelligently "our good news." Through political and social action, we have endeavored to hold up a star to alleviate the ignorance and enlighten those in high places about our community.

In a never-before attempted outreach, we have sent our angel choruses into the highways and by-ways. Some went singing, some went with baskets of food, many went with prayer..... but each and everyone went with the message of the great Love of God. Lives were changed, some lives were saved, and a bright new Hope arose in the world for this minority group who have discovered that HE cares! And we know He cares, because we care.

Those of us who live in the second parsonage of MCC and

the Universal Fellowship..... Ray, Tony, Tim, Ken, and I would like to add our small voices to the Universal chorus. And we won't say Merry Christmas--but we do want to wish for each of you--whoever and wherever--the blessings of sharing the good news that Christ was born, that He is our Brother, God is our Father and with Tiny Tim of Dicken's Christmas carol, let's joyfully sing: "God Bless Us Every One."

John H. Hose
Elder, the Universal Fellowship
Assistant Pastor MCC-LA
Acting Pastor MCC-San Diego

Hear ye! Here ye!

On Dec 27, 1970, the first Sunday after Christmas, the Gospie Choir will be singing in Church.

After months of practicing we are ready.

God bless those who have worked so hard to make this possible.

After New Years we will be again taking in new members. May we wish you all a God blessed Holiday Season.

We wish to remind you to send a gift to the building fund. After all this is HIS birthday.

Marcy



DO YOU REMEMBER?

Do you remember Christmas and:

Grammas house
Sweet potatoe pie
Shopping in a snow fall
Rubber snow boots drying on a newspaper
The smell of turkey as you unwrapped your gifts
Hot chocolate
Candy canes
Wool mittens
Snowball fights
GOD!!!!

Rochelle

The MCC Motorcycle Club of California (MCCMCC) will serve a get-it-together brunch today (Dec. 20) at Frank's (16311 Napa, Sepulveda, Ca.). Donation is \$1.50. There will be a short meeting to plan coming events. Our goal is to bring the bike crowd to Christ while enjoying our motorcycling sport. You needn't own a bike to become active.

Fred Conwell
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**HAVE YOU NOTICED
HOW MUCH FASTER A JOB
GOES WHEN YOU WORK WITH
A FRIEND AND HOW MUCH
BETTER THE RESULTS?**

**WE HAVE - AND THAT'S
WHY WE'RE PROUD TO BE
WORKING WITH MCC.**

**VOICE
MONTHLY**

The Congregation MCC-LA

Dear Brothers & Sisters
in Christ:

To think that last Christmas we knew nothing of each other. We here in Miami had no knowledge of the work of MCC and then, because of a newspaper story, the good news reached us. Amiraclé? We think so.

This has been the year of miracles in Miami. For the first time the homophile community is working in a common cause.

In just a few short weeks we have seen God raise up a dedicated congregation of men and women with an average attendance of over sixty per week. Men and women who are so dedicated that they are willing to give all to see the Church go forth.

This for us is a most joy-
ful Christmas.

We send to all of you our deepest regards and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years.

Yours in Him,
The Congregation
M.C.C. Miami
Brad Wilson, Pastor

PLAIN SPOKEN WORDS

In the January issue of Esquire magazine there is an article which devotes a portion to our Pastor and our church. In context, although flippantly worded, it most certainly emphasizes the sincerity and dignity of our pastor there are parts that I took issue with

I was insulted at being called a "Fairy", I most certainly took umbrage at the condescending dismissal of our being a congregation of poor, little clerks and indeed disliked our coffee hour being likened to a gay bar!

Sitting there glaring at the magazine two words sprang from the pages straight into my heart, poor and clerks. Then I got plain old mad -- with us!

If we are a congregation of clerks why is it that I do not hear the tapping of our donated typewriters in the parsonage? Why don't I hear file drawers being opened? Why do I only hear "Mom" Perry's voice answering the telephones?

If we are a gay bar we sure are a lousy one! Where are

the tips? And we certainly are going into bankruptcy with this stack of IOU's! We can't afford the stationery for the untyped letters, the folders for the unfiled records! Telephones! We are the first to complain that we can never reach the parsonage yet we can't even afford the few telephones that only Mom answers. Who is replacing the food that we sparingly dole out to our own that are temporarily in need. From the deacon's closet?

Our church and our Pastor by exemplary good works and crusading are making life easier and bringing respect to the homophile community.

What are WE doing to HELP? Sitting in a Real Gay Bar bragging about belonging to a church of our own?

That does not pay bills nor does it get the necessary work done! Are we REALLY being responsible members of society? Are We willing to give our time and labor to further our cause? Or are we going to be immature, irresponsible kids and expect Mama to do it for us?

If we fail in our goals we have NO ONE to blame but ourselves.



Christmas

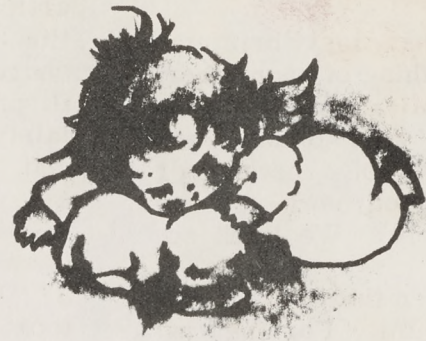
Christmas is your faith in all that is good in the world. . . Christmas is the selfless spirit of doing for others. . . Christmas is laughter and friendship. . . and the spreading of cheer. . . And it is the tender knowledge that you're loved by someone. . . And that you have someone to love. . . Christmas is believing in prayer. . . and the Power that answers it. . . Plus the right to sing of your belief in the way of your choice. . . Christmas is all the things free men fight for. . . Let us keep it shining for all the world.

Matthew of Glendale



*"There's no time like Christmas—
and nothing like friends —"*

Alan & Peter



*"Love came down at Christmas"
Christina Rossetti*

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A CHILD IS BORN

FOR unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

--Isaiah 9:6, 7.



Irv and Hans



CHANUKKOH

As we enter the Christmas season, I think it only fitting and proper that we pay tribute to the many Jewish friends we have in our community. Some are members of our church, some are Friends. They are entering a holiday season which has existed much longer than the Christian observance of Christmas.

Chanukkah begins December 22, and lasts for eight days, ending December 30. All of us are familiar with the origin of Christmas, I would like to acquaint you with the origin of Chanukkah.

Chanukkah differs from all other Jewish festivals in one important respect; its origin is not lost in the dimness of antiquity; it stands clear and bold in the light of history. It is a dated festival, one that commemorates great events in the light of history. It is a dated festival, one that commemorates great events in the history of the Jewish people.

In 168 B.C. Palestine was under the rule of Syria whose king was Antiochus IV. Antiochus tried to convert his kingdom, consisting of many nationalities, into a universal melting pot of Hellenistic culture. In those days, the national culture of the people was strongly bound up with its religion. So Antiochus ordered that all the people of his empire serve the Grecian Gods

and become Greeks. Everyone accepted and obeyed the order except the Jews. Antiochus, therefore, sent an army into Palestine to rout out the followers of the Jewish God, and to eliminate the observance of Jewish laws and ways. The Temple service was halted, and God's house was turned into a Grecian temple. It was forbidden, under penalty of death, to observe any of the precepts of Jewish religion. There were many martyrs, the first martyrs for freedom of conscience known in world history. The attempt to abolish the Jewish faith in 167 B. C. brought on the revolt of Judah Maccabee. Jerusalem gained independence in 165 B. C.

First, Judah tried only to re-install the Temple service which had been interrupted for three years. On the twenty-fifth day of the month of Kislev, by the Jewish calendar, they rededicated the altar in the Temple and decreed that an eight day festival, beginning with that day, be observed yearly. We now know in what period, and through what events, Chanukkah became a universal festival for Jews. It usually takes place in December by the Christian calendar.

It is called the Feast of Dedication, and also called the Feast of Lights. The dedication we can understand as history speaks for itself. The Chanukkah lights began in an old nature festival that was observed in winter by some Jewish groups. They had no ancient or sacred tradition. In order to give the lights a religion meaning, the legend of the flask of oil came into being. I would venture to say there are those who believe the legend to be a true example of the power of Jehovah not myth, but miracle. I don't really know, nor can I agree

with those who say it is merely legend.

The legend states, that when the Temple was closed to the Jews, the sacred oil stored there had been defiled. When Judah rededicated the Temple, he found only a small flask of oil bearing the seal of the High Priest, enough to light the Menorah for one day. Instead the oil lasted for eight days. There are one or two other theories regarding the Chanukkah lights, however, I have used this one because it was told to me by a number of my Jewish friends, and because I think I like it more than any of the others.

May the lights of Chanukkah fill your hearts and your homes, and the blessings of Chanukkah abide with you throughout the year.

SHALOM

C. Shawn Farrell

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THREESOME MEETS AT MCC

'Good Morning, my name is David, it's nice to see you in Church today'. 'Thank you, my name is Phil'.

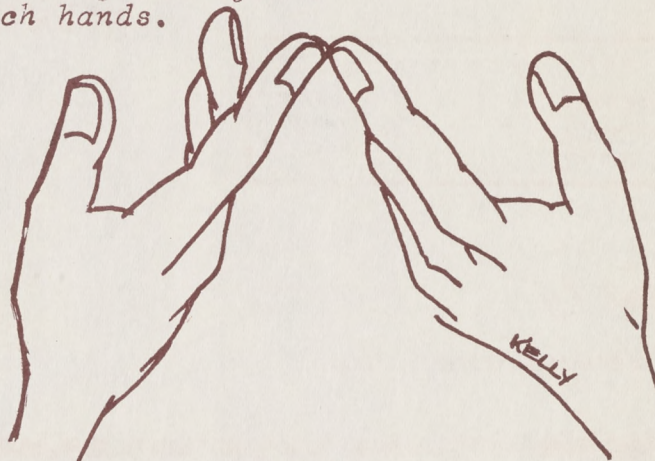
The melody of 'He Lives' blended these two voices in harmony and immediately there came a gleam in their eyes. 'Would you like to sing a duet with me?' said David 'exactly my thoughts', was Phil's reply. From this conversation only one month ago and with the addition of Allain, these three fellows are now an organized male trio called the 'Crescendos'.

After three rehearsals the 'Crescendos' made their first public appearance at the MCC singing a very moving arrangement of 'Where Could I Go'. Brilliant technique, close harmony and chords that ring, gives this trio an exciting sound that can quench any musical appetite. You won't want to miss hearing them.

Plans for the 'Crescendos' are growing into bigger and better things. They are willing to sing at churches, anywhere, when invitations are extended and all arrangements are made. They will also be a treat to hear at your socials, meetings, banquets, etc. Contact with the 'Crescendos' can be made through the Los Angeles MCC office.

At present the boys are using piano accompaniment by a trio member. They feel this is not the best way to sing, therefore they are anxiously seeking a pianist with a flare for harmony and enough musical background to transpose at sight and to give them the essential assistance they need. If you are that person or know of someone who can devote the time, please contact our MCC

*Ah, friends, dear friends, as years go on
and heads get gray, how fast the
guests do go.
Touch hands, touch hands, with those that
stay.
Strong hands to weak, old hands to young,
around the Christmas board, touch
hands.
The false forget, the foe forgive, for
every guest will go and every fire
burn low and empty cabin stand.
Forget, forgive, for who may say that
Christmas day may ever come to host
or guest again.
Touch hands.*



Holiday Greetings

office and we will put you in touch with the 'Crescendos'. We are certain you will add a lot of joy and fun to your life by being a part of them.

God Bless you trio, we look forward to hearing you very soon.



BEACH PARISH

The Beach Parish held their first meeting in Manhattan Beach on December 2nd at the home of Deacon Glenn Schmoll. We had nine in attendance, including the former Deacon, Dick Sommers.

After a prayer and scripture reading we proceeded to become acquainted with one another be-

fore beginning our discussion. Our main topic was how we could better make visitors feel really welcome at MCC and how to go about getting them involved in its many endeavors.

We briefly discussed the letter in MCC News concerning Rev. Perry's 'travelogue'. It was the unanimous opinion that 'travelogue time' enabled him to share with everyone at the same time what was happening with him as well as the resulting growth of the Universal Fellowship.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 13th with the location to be announced later in MCC News--or call Deacon 'Schmoe' after January 1st.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GLF-LA

God Bless you, Morris Kight. Your "sermonette" on the 13th was beautiful, eloquent and one that was sorely needed.

In honor of the 1st Anniversary of GLF-LA we are printing the following article by GLF. Morris stated "We have always cooperated with MCC and have a hand out to all our brothers and sisters in the homosexual community".

GAY LIBERATION FRONT- LOS ANGELES

A statement on Gay Liberation

The following was prepared by the Gay Liberation Front of Los Angeles as a provisional working paper for the Revolutionary Peoples Constitutional Convention. As such, it is subject to further discussion and revision.

The Gay Liberation workshop was part of a pre-convention meeting of movement groups in the Los Angeles area sponsored by the Liberation Union.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

The issue before us today is human oppression and the liberation of every human being. The Gay Liberation Front supports the revolutionary struggles of all oppressed peoples.

To relate to oppression and the struggle for liberation we come together around the specific issues that affect us personally, whether we are members of a colonial nation, black, third world, workers, women, gay, in the military, young or old. The struggle of any one specific victim of oppression is not against another victim, nor is it a contest over who is oppressed the most. We recognize the sensitivity of all human beings and the right of all to determine their own lives.

We further recognize our responsibility, as one of the most sexually oppressed peoples, to assume leadership within the broader liberation movement in severing the shackles of sexual oppression. The rigid delineation of sexual roles has long permitted capitalistic systems to keep us apart—man from man, woman from woman—preventing all people from fully relating to one another. The emotional solidarity of all human beings would eliminate the social dynamic of competition and mutual aggression inherent in a capitalistic society and help to build a truly revolutionary community wherein all are free to love and share as part of their common endeavor.

Homosexuals in America know oppression.

They are harassed, brutally beaten and murdered by police. They are prisoners—Political prisoners—incarcerated in jails and mental institutions for acts of homosexuality. As homosexuals, they are denied housing and employment. They are forced into self hate, isolation and loneliness.

No other minority group in America hears itself publicly labeled sick and perverted. No other citizens of America are denounced from the pulpit, by the medical professions, the media and the government. No other human beings in America are forced to show their love and friendship in secret, and no other human beings in America have the practice of that love and friendship declared illegal.

The Gay Liberation Front is fighting for the total liberation of all its people and for true equality for all people. We declare our solidarity with all other oppressed peoples and with all who struggle against

the obscene, authoritarian and obsolete American system.



THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

Many years ago a cobbler and his wife lived in a cottage on the edge of a village in Austria. They had few possessions, but whatever they owned they shared with others. Symbolic of this generosity and love of mankind was the lighted candle they placed in the window of their cottage.

Over a period of years, war, famine and destruction fell upon this little village—and yet, through it all the cobbler and his wife suffered far less than the other villagers. "Surely there is something special about them, they are always spared from our misfortunes," said the villagers. "Let us put a candle in our window and see if that is the mysterious charm."

Now it happened that the first night that a candle was lighted in the windows of every home was Christmas Eve, and before the first rays of the morning sun a messenger rode into the village to bring the great news—peace had come! That Christmas Day there was amazement and awe in the hearts of the humble villagers. And, as they thanked God for the blessing of peace, they said to one another: "Let us always remember to light candles on the evening of Christ's birth."

And now, many years later, this beautiful custom of placing a lighted candle in the window on Christmas, has spread all over the world, sending forth a message of love, hope and cheer.



Brother June

Dear Brother June:

I have a friend I have been living with for a year now, and I can honestly admit, that this is my only friend in L.A. that I can really depend on. You know, it's something special just to have someone in the apartment to come home to, even though it is not a lover relationship. But to come home to absolutely nothing, I just cannot bare.

I feel guilty writing to you with this problem, because like I say, my friend means so much to me, yet one thing must be settled, or else we are going to lose our friendship all together.

You see, my friend is a bisexual, which is his business, but must he always bring his girls back to our apartment? I've literally begged him to stop doing this, but to no avail. I know you must think I'm crazy, but I can't sit in the living room and watch TV with them in the bedroom. Like I say, I don't want to live alone, and finding another room-mate is about out of the question. If you were in my shoes, what would you do. I think the world of him, but havn't the heart to really hurt him.....D.D.

Dear D.D.:

You could start by showing him this letter, if your friendship means as much to him as his does to you, perhaps you can reach an agreement. Just

a bit of co-operation from each of you could do so much, like a phone call before he comes home, so you could make arrangements to be out. Simply, discuss it together, and remember, half of the apartment is yours, and half his.

Confidential:

Reply to Discouraged;

I'm sorry I chose not to print your letter, due to the unnecessary hate and selfishness you displayed toward your friend. It literally astonds me to think there are people like you in our congregation who are just "playing Church", as Reverand Wells of San Francisco explained to us in his fine sermon Sunday the 5th. Or were you there, obviously you weren't, or if so, you undoubtedly weren't there for the same reason as I. A deacon, whom I think so much of, once gave such a simple solution to a question I once asked, and I've never forgotten it, he said: Simply ask yourself, what would Jesus do! God Bless you my brother, the fact that you are attending MCC services proves that you must care, and want to learn more about Christianity, and I know you will....Brother June

Dear Brother June:

Where on earth have you been? Never did see your reply to my last letter! I thought you answered EVERY letter sent to you, no matter how un-important it was!

For shame Brother June.....
No Name

Dear No Name:

Do not remember your letter, or its contents, but the "No Name" does ring a bell. The Brother June column has been held-up by the editor, due to lack of "in-come" by the

Newsletter donations each Sunday. With each additional page added to the paper, the cost of printing goes up. Since that time however, a donation request of 25¢ has been added to the front cover of each Newsletter. Please accept my apologies, and write to me again.
Brother June

Confidential Reply to
RED ROSE LOVER!

I did receive about three replies to Dale Hollands letter concerning the Church flower, but Dale neglected to point out how a conclusion was to be met! I merely opened the column up to comments from readers. I do agree though, the American Beauty Red Rose, gets my vote for the MCC-LA Church flower!

Ask Brother June:
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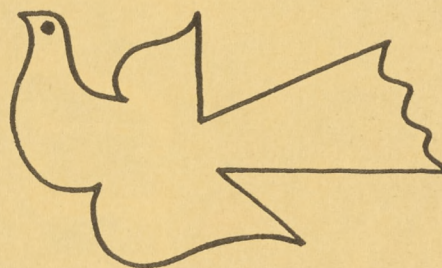
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PEACE

And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.

Ruth 1:16



With warmest, truest love to each and every member of my MCC family.

Joanie Kettles

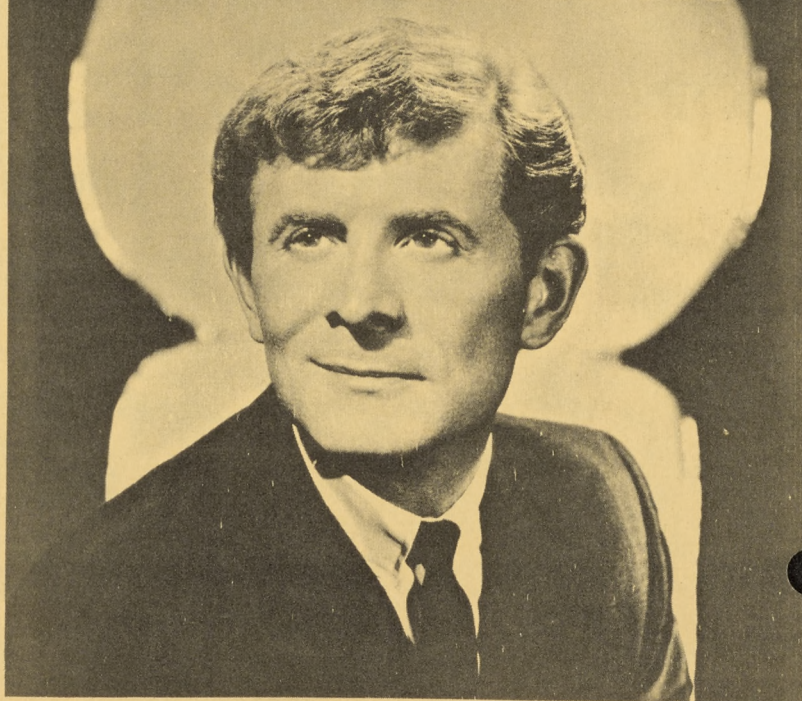
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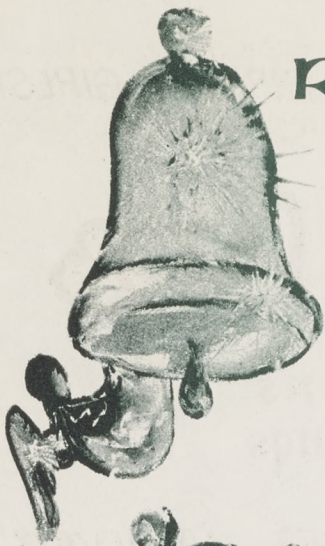
One of the new attendees, soon to be a member at MCC is Steve Goeke, a Psychic consultant and teacher of Meditation.

Rev. Perry plans to have him deliver a lecture on meditation techniques and demonstrate 'psychic readiness' during an MCC coffee hour in the near future. Bringing twenty years of experience in the psychic and supernatural to the aid of MCC. He offers a service of psychic advice for your personal problems both over the telephone and in private reading at his home, to MCC members.

MCC members may call him at 875-0034 for FREE answering of questions or may reserve a private, more complete consultation at his home for free-will donation.

"Adventures in Awareness"





ring the bells and tell the people christmastime is here



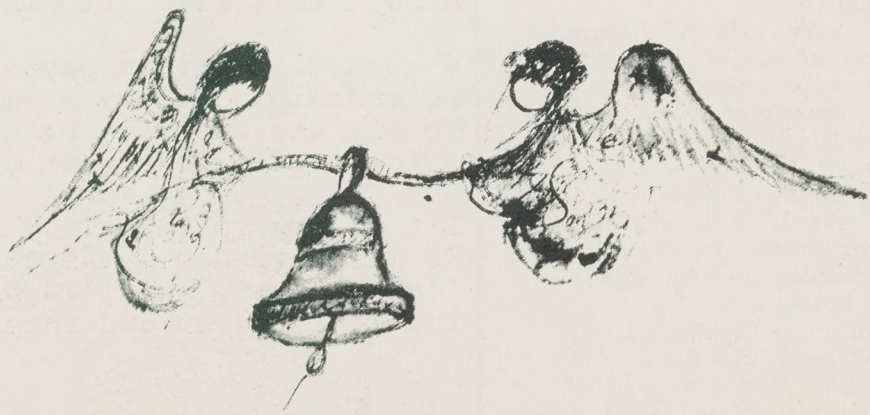
Days follow days, months follow months, and years follow years for the ordinary mortal. Then there is the end. For the humble, immortal Carpenter named Jesus, centuries follow centuries and more centuries. For Him there is no end nor will there ever be an end.



His words were written in the hearts of men. They are imperishable as long as men of good will exist on this earth, as long as men and women can lift their eyes and hearts Heavenward believing in the simple truths He taught. May there be Peace on Earth and To All Men Good Will. Ring the Joyous Bells of Hope and Gladness so that all men may look ahead to a better world and a better life. Christmastime is here.



Staff Members of the MCC News



Have You a Santa Claus Personality?



WHO is the world's champion maker of friends and influencer of people? The old chap with the long white beard and the rosy cheeks wins, hands down! Step up, Santa Claus, and take a bow! » »

Why does the world love Santa Claus? Let's take the old chap apart and see what it is that makes him tick!

First of all, he is a joyous individual. Joy chases away the gloom clouds and fills a room with sunshine. People are attracted to the joyous individual as steel filings are attracted to a magnet.

Next, he is interested in making others happy. He has a big time painting smiles on the faces of little children. He increases the happiness-moments in the lives of everyone he meets.

He loves his work. It is said that he hums a merry tune as he builds toys for girls and boys. He gets fun out of his job. He is a dynamo of enthusiasm.

He is childlike. Though he can do miraculous things, like visiting every home in the world in one night, he is humble about it. He does no boasting. He is simple and sincere.

He has faith. He believes in people. He has looked into their

souls with an X-ray mind and found much to admire. He knows that bad little boys don't mean to be bad. He has a kind and forgiving nature.

He is eternally youthful. His hair and his beard are white but his heart is young. He keeps up with the times. His arteries are flexible. He is so modern he sometimes gives up reindeer and sled and arrives in a helicopter.

Finally, he is a Giver. His philosophy is to give himself away in service. He is the friend of everyone. He lives an overflow life.

Santa Claus has built up the greatest business in the world by following his philosophy. Perhaps we could attain greater happiness and success if we emulated him a little more. —*The Friendly Adventurer*.

The Gift

THE GIFT, to be true, must be the flowering of the giver unto me, correspondent to my flowing unto him.

—Emerson.

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Set it on the fire of Heart's Affection, leave it till the jolly bubbles rise; sprinkle it with Kisses, for Confection, sweeten with a look of Loving Eyes.

Flavor it with Children's Merry Chatter, frost it with the snow of wintry dells; place it on a holly-garnished platter, and serve it with the Song of Christmas Bells!

Troy's Way

Tw'as just before Xmas I heard Troy say,
Hold your head high as you go on your way.
Now, my brothers and sisters, you may
Be proud to stand up and say, I'm gay.

Develop your dignity and hold on to it tight.
Secure your confidence with all your might.
Perfect your attitudes toward all the world
Accept this life into which you've been hurled.

A good disposition pays off in the end.
Friendship and love we must always extend
To all who approach or come through our door.
A feeling of love must prevail evermore.

Let us try to live Troy's way.
We all love God - the straight and the gay.
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You'll stand up and shout - I'm proud and I'm gay!

- Amy Ramsey

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Christmas recalls one of the most traumatic and painful experiences of my life.

I was superintendent of the hospital division of one of the largest medical centers in America it included five hospitals. I had fought the prejudices against male nurses and reached the peak of my career. This, in the south-east where liberty in any form is just not condoned.

During the Holiday Season the Dean of the school of medicine, (also chairman of the board of directors) walked into my inner office unannounced and viewed a scene that filled him with revulsion. I was kissing my lover, the chief surgical resident.

The ensuing scene is still too painful to recount. My position with the medical center was terminated so rudely and abruptly I was not able to finish the day's work, and my secretary had to send me my personal belongings.

Now, I am working at UCLA one day a week and felt that I wanted to give my full attention to MCC and tried to resign. (I am medically retired but couldn't use that as the reason since they are aware my doctor wants me to

be active). Past experience and "conditioning" told me to use my work at MCC as the reason.

The resignation was flatly and emphatically refused! With pride in our working church I should like to quote some of their arguments.

Since we are working with their psychiatric unit and hospital gossip is electrifying in the speed it is noised about I had couched my resignation on the fact that I was becoming "notorious" in my work and did not want to bring embarrassment to the school of nursing or the Volunteer Department. (medical ethics are the most RIGID in the world, that is why I can't quote names or positions) I was startled and could hardly comprehend when I was interrupted at this point and told NOT to use the word notorious but the word Famous. Even with the speed of hospital gossip UCLA is so large and the positions of the three people I had to offer my resignation to are so "exalted" I did not realize they were even aware of the church, much less the role I was occupying.

I will not go through the tedium of the professional reasons on which they based their refusal but in order to bring out the important point of this exhilarating experience must quote some flattery.

When I had finished I was startled to the point of nearly falling out of my chair when the most important person there pulled a copy of the December 6th issue of our MCC News out of his drawer and turned to "aims???" on page 9 and asked me, "don't you have the courage of your convictions? Aren't you going to practice what you preach?" He continued, "you are well known, liked and respected here, what better and more logical person can demonstrate the aims of your church?"

I countered by saying certain supervisory personnel had made very disparaging remarks about homosexuals. They all three chorused aren't these the very people you are trying to educate? He said "if these individuals object they can be replaced, we do NOT want closed minds on this staff!"

I was told to operate openly, frankly and proudly. They all three voiced deep respect for our church, Rev. Perry and what we are doing. They further said we are going through an age of intelligent transition and our firm, calm stand and actions were a crying impressive need in the homophile community.

THAT conference and the words spoken are the truest demonstration of Brotherly Love and the real meaning of Christmas "Spirit" I have had the awesome honor of witnessing.

Reverend Perry, you are indeed God's instrument. My Dear Brothers and Sisters we are being respected and blessed because we are doing God's will.

I am proud and I say a fervent AMEN!

Barrie Bryant



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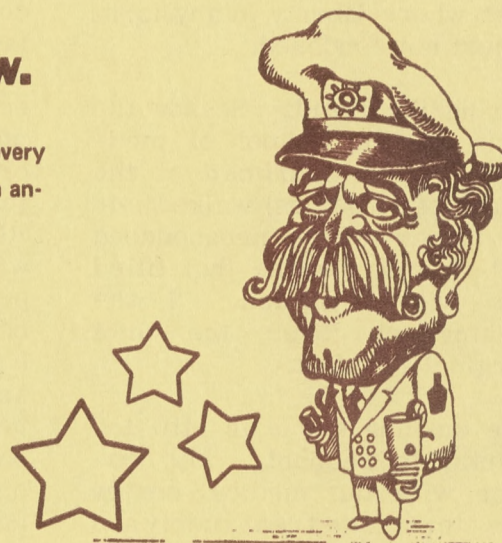
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everyday work schedules, have left us so little time - We were unable, this year, to send individual and personal greetings.

God Bless,

Bo & Lanna

SPECIAL NOTICE

Due to the numerous activities and busy social commitments of everyone during this busy holiday season, we have decided to postpone the Bake Sale which was scheduled for Sunday, December 20th. It will be rescheduled for sometime later, during January probably. "OUR GANG"

A GIFT FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

8:30 P.M.--

The following accounting of the previous hour is intended only to share a very beautiful experience; it actually happened and I want to relate this to others.

Within the last few months my other half and I had a parting of ways. We are doing our own thing and making new lives for ourselves.

Unlike so many couples who break up, we carry no animosity or bitterness toward one another.

Two years ago I went back East to visit her family. The entire family welcomed me as one of themselves, graciously and lovingly. I had a very good and warm feeling. --- My own parents (may their souls rest in peace) had family in places that were too far to be 'family'. These lovely people accepted me into their own fold, then and now. It reaffirmed that I was still considered a part of their family, and loved. This really means a great deal to me because I grew up without close relatives (Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Grandparents or Brothers and Sisters. Needless to say it literally touched emotions.

What a Thanksgiving Day Gift!
H.R. Holly

Here comes that man again...



THE TWELVE ASTROLOGICAL ADMONITIONS

In Revelation XXII, verse 2 it is stated by St. John that "...on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." We interpret this as meaning the twelve monthly divisions or signs of the zodiac, "tree of life," counted six on each side of the Earth's equator, "river of life." Offered in Biblical language, the twelve astrological norms read as follows:

- 1--ARIES: I am, That I am; God Who made thee and gave thee all thou hast. Be not proud, lest I humble thee. Restrain and regulate thyself, so that thou mayest return to Me clean, as thou wast when I did first send thee forth.
- 2--TAURUS: Deliver thine own labor for thy livelihood; and remember that thine accumulations are of the earth, made by Me and not by thee. I am the Chiefest and thou but a steward; and I will require an accounting.
- 3--GEMINI: Respect thy teachers and elders, and be not slothful in thy talents. When thou learnest the ways of earth, remember it was I Who made them all. Show Me that thou hast gained knowledge for construction, or I shall destroy.
- 4--CANCER: Honor thy parents and regard well thy brethren. Remember, thy home is to be a haven of peace, not a building of gold. Love the old and infirm, so that thou mayest receive respect and succor in thine own latter days.
- 5--LEO: Instruct thy children in the performance of the good, by thine example, inspiration and justice. This is My greatest commandment and thy sublimest order. Hinder them not in legitimate aspiration, but be of aid.
- 6--VIRGO: See to it that thou guardest the health of thy body. Remember it is of the earth and by earth-food it should be sustained. Indulge it not in foolish adventure, inner or outer, lest it be lost to thee beforetime.
- 7--LIBRA: Be truthful and charitable toward mate; superior, peer, partner, subordinate, and stranger, as thine equals in My sight. It is My law that what thou sowest among them, thou shalt also reap as justice.
- 8--SCORPIO: Thou shalt keep the lifestream undefiled, binding thyself to thy mate and not another. Interfere not with the proper manner of generation, lest thou be struck down. I am the Creator, demanding faithful and honorable creation.
- 9--SAGITTARIUS: Remember that the God of thy neighbor is I, and I judge for both alike your love for Me. Shun the cry of God is here only or there, for I am everywhere, and I was there before thee, and will be after thee.
- 10--CAPRICORN: Abide by their legislation and render support unto thy governors and sustainers, for thou art not alone on the earth. Advance communal affairs with knowledge and in patience, resorting not to destruction.
- 11--AQUARIUS: Befriend all My creatures about thee, thy favored and unfavored, that thou mayest quicken them in My way. Be of My kind by emulating. My kindness. Remember, I create all and love all I create, high and low.
- 12--PISCES: Harm none in person or property nor rob a name of good repute, for I see and I hear and I am just. Consider, thine enemy may be My friend. Bear it in mind, and thy reward will be great for proper conduct.

ADVENTURES IN AWARENESS SEMINARS

Mr. Steven Goekee, PhD.

Graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in Philosophy, he brings to the podium twenty years of investigation and study in the fields of the psychic, occult and paranormal. A one-time Rosicrucian and a metaphysical student of Mrs. Mae Taylor of the Spiritual Science Foundation of California, he has lectured on numerous occasions for this group over a period of five years. He developed his ability to read from objects associated with individuals during this period.

Daddy Bray, the headkahuna of Hawaii, advanced his understanding of Hawaiian metaphysical and occult work with personal teachings prior to his passing.

He has appeared on the Art Linkletter television program to tell of his personal experiences with the supernatural. This resulted in assisting as a psychic consultant for a series of filmed inquiries into haunted houses in California conducted by the Linkletter program. One of his pet hobbies is seeking out and 'de-ghosting' as it were, haunted houses; such as the Sir Cedric Hardwicke house on Benedict Canyon where film stars Christopher Jones and Susan Strasberg lived and experienced physical ghost phenomena.

Presently he is engaged in writing his first definitive book dealing with the psychic realm of awareness within.

Classes in meditation practices and awareness development occupy much of his time as well as personal consultations for those who seek perception into their living problems.

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SOME NOTES FROM THE GAY WOMEN'S LIBERATION

G.W.L. is an aware organization actively engaged in educating the public about homosexuality as a valid life style. To initiate this goal, we have committees of individuals meeting every night of the week to develop experiential means for bridging the gap of communication between the homosexual and the public.

As a radical organization, we provide individuals with a frame work that encourages expression and experience of diversified interests.

The EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE has attempted to open lines of communication with the psychologically oriented professional community. We have sent 200 questionnaires to psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and psychiatric clinics to enable us to understand their attitudes of homo-

sexuality. This is part of a long range goal to present an all-day conference between the two of us in February. So far, those who have returned their questionnaires have been positive and constructive in their comments.

The Gay Women's Liberation GENERAL MEETING at the Women's Center meets every Tuesday at 8:00 PM and is open to all interested women.

ONE, INC.

Councils of ONE have been established in several cities to conduct ONE activity. These activities vary from city to city to fit local needs and interests of members. Attendance at the general and public meetings of each Council is open to anyone, but voting and meetings of each Council are extended to those only who have Membership in ONE, Incorporated

(Los Angeles). The many hundreds of members of ONE Councils, as well as Members at large (those not affiliated with any regional council) make ONE not only the oldest Homophile Organization in the U.S. but one of the largest and most influential.



BROTHER JUNE SAYS:

The offering for Sunday, Dec., 13th was \$680.92--Everyone realizes that Santa Claus is an expense, but Christs' birthday and your MCC needs to be remembered in your shopping list too.....





THE QUIET ONES

MCC News is once again proud to bring to you a new weekly column entitled "The Quiet Ones". We felt there're many in the church and community who does quite a bit for us, that most of us are not aware of. If you have a suggestion of a quiet one we'd be happy to accept it. The first in these series is.....

Mr. Harry T. Waggaman. Harry, as we on the staff call him, has long been an unknown contributor of his time and talents here at MCC News for if it wasn't for Harry, you might not get the news each week. He does a seemingly insignificant job-collating the paper and sends some to our now increasing readers by mail. Harry also sings in our choir adding to the melodious tunes with his rich baritone voice. He has always loved to sing and began many years ago in Ohio. He received his initial training at the Cincinnati Conservatory of music and from there he began singing in churches and in concerts. While the list of credits to his singing is great indeed, his modesty keeps him from admitting them all. He doesn't have to though, for we know it when we hear him sing.

Not only for his singing and volunteer help with the paper are we praising him, but be-

cause he is truly a beautiful person and always pleasant in spirit.

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The rush of Christmas has affected the office pace too. Christmas can be the best time of the year for some people and the worst for others. We're hoping that Rev. Perry can get a good rest during the holidays so that we can be in full swing for the new year.

NOTE: A Christmas package for one of our friends has disappeared from our office. If you know anything about its whereabouts please give us a call and make someone's Christmas happy again.

Kevin

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LIFE OF A QUEEN

by Lisel Mueller

CHILDHOOD

For two days her lineage is in doubt,
then someone deciphers the secret message.
They build a pendulous chamber
for her, and stuff her with sweets.

Workers keep bringing her royal jelly.
She knows nothing of other lives,
about digging in purple crocus
and round-dances in the sun.



Poor and frail little rich girl,
she grows immense in her hothouse.
Whenever she tries to stop eating,
they open her mouth and force it down.

THE FLIGHT

She marries him in mid-air;
for a moment
he is ennobled, a prince.

She gives the signal
for their embrace;
over too soon. O, nevermore.

Bruised, she drags herself from
his dead body,
finds her way back exhausted.

She is bathed, curtains are drawn.
Ten thousand lives
settle inside her belly.

Now to the only labor she knows.
She remembers
nothing of him, or their fall.

THE RECLUSE

They make it plain
her term is over.
No one comes;
they let her starve.

The masses, her children,
whip up sweets
for a young beauty
who is getting fat.

Nothing to do.
Her ovaries paper,
her sperm sac dust,
she shrivels away.

A crew disassembles
her royal cell.
Outside, a nation
crowns its queen.



Reprinted from Poetry magazine, February, 1970



"This Holy Season"

BY BERT JORDAN

LET PEACE ENCIRCLE ALL THE WORLD
LET MEN WALK HAND IN HAND
A LIVING BOND OF BROTHERHOOD
A VOICE FROM LAND TO LAND.

Glenn Schmoll

IN GATHERING DAY

Our Deacon's Closet still is very short of canned good - especially canned meat! Canned hams or chicken (and the old stand-by "Spam") are good meal basics.

Please make certain the meats are of the non-perishable variety as there is no refrigeration in the closet.

Clothing should be clean, folded and please mark the size where it can be seen.

The last Sunday of each month is "In Gathering Day"--please remember your donations next Sunday.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Bo;

Thank you for your letter of November 21, and for getting my subscription to MCC News all set for me so I get the publication.

We have had one big snow storm here in Michigan (actually not much for this time of the year) with more predicted for tonight.

Best wishes for the continued success of MCC, and your own personal part in it.

Very sincerely,
Arch
Traverse City -



Merry Christmas
and
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WHY THE ROBIN'S BREAST IS RED

Did you ever hear the story
Why the robin's breast is red?
It happened, oh, so long ago
On Christmas Eve, 'tis said.

He fanned the tiny candlelight
To keep the Christ-child warm,
In that stable scene in Bethlehem
The night that Christ was born.

He got so close to that small light
In his eagerness, 'tis said,
He scorched his breast and ever since
The robin's breast is red.

—Viola B. Gleeson.

OLD ENGLISH PRAYER

Give us, Lord, a bit of sun,
A bit of work and bit of fun;
Give us all in the struggle & sputter
Our daily bread and a bit of butter;
Give us health, our keep to make,
And a bit to spare for others' sake
Give us, too, a bit of song
And a tale, & a book to help us along,
Give us, Lord, a chance to be
Our goodly best, brave, wise & free,
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C. Shawn Farrell & Kathy Laine

Happy Holiday

DOWN THE CHIMNEY

WHY does Santa Claus come down the chimney—at least, on greeting cards and in the ads? The myth which old-time Englishmen favored was that Santa was thereby cleaning the chimney of soot to allow good luck to enter the house at the New Year.

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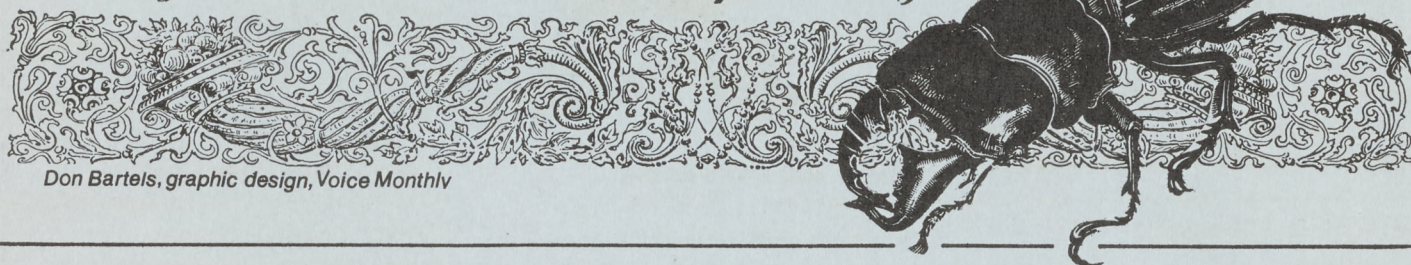
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from Rod McKuen

I appreciate your time
and your indulgence, God
because I give so little of my time to you.
I thank you for an unstubbed toe this month
and leaving me with no more bruises
on a tired and battered heart
than those I started out with.

Sometimes tied up in traffic
I'm grateful for commercials on the radio
that take me from the just announced war dead
and carry me back home to other murders
(those of animals and men
who've not yet had a chance
at aping angels).

It's then I wonder where my God is lurking
that saviour of senior citizens and seals.

The traffic breaks.

The news is over to the tune of Mendelssohn.
Only then do I remember that you're not my uncle
just my God.

I thank you for your kind indulgence
and your time.

P.S.

To love is to live out among the giants.

If Gertrude Stein were making couplets now
She would probably conclude, Love is.

In love, do not economize
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But only if it pleasures someone.



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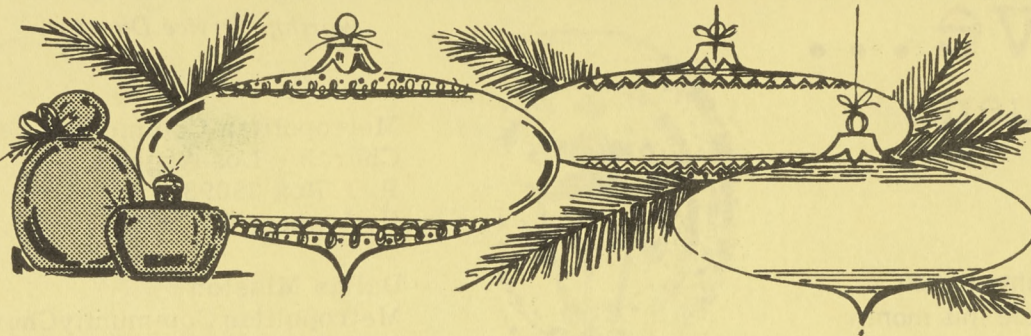
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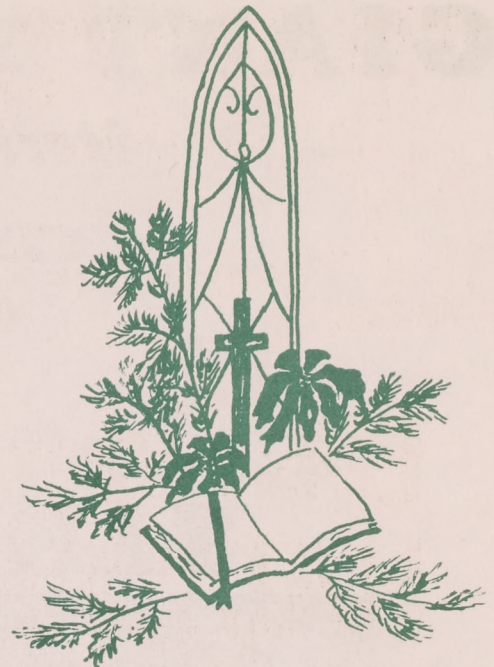
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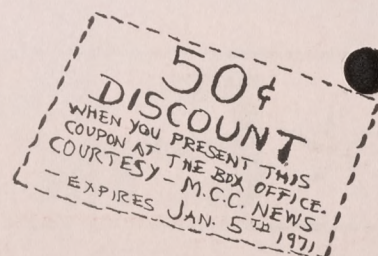


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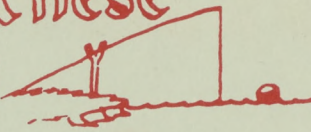
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